

COLLAGE

January 2011



JANUARY OFFSITE DRAWS NEAR

BY PAUL FOSTER, VP OF PROGRAMS

Our January Offsite at the Denver Art Museum on January 15th draws near and the response to this outing has been very good. As of this date (December 22), a total of 41 CWS members have signed up. Originally, I had indicated to the Museum that I thought we would have about 30 attendees, so we have exceeded our target. If you are interested in this tour, there is still time to sign up, but not much. I have already submitted my list of probable attendees to the Museum.

Around the 8th of January, we will cut off additional attendees so that the Museum can prepare final arrangements and collect day fees for non DAM Members. If you have signed up, but have not received a confirmation from me indicating that "you are on the list" and an e-mail requesting

payment of necessary fees, please let me know as it means that somewhere your communication to me has gone astray. The Museum has asked that there be one point of contact so the paying and collecting of all fees will go through me. I will have more on this when we send out our final e-blast on or about the 8th of January.

Although I think it is clear to everyone, this tour is free to CWS members who are also members of the Denver Art Museum. If, however, you are a member of the CWS but not a member of the Denver Art Museum, this tour will cost you \$7.00 for a day pass from the Denver Art Museum. To sign up, you may e-mail me at pjfdesign@comcast.net. If you don't e-mail, you can call me at 303-741-5018.

Those of you who have signed up or are planning to sign up, should plan to be at the Museum by 10:15 a.m. in the main entry lobby.

Hope to see you at the DAM!



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Colorado Watercolor Society is an organization dedicated to uphold the highest standards and principles of art and to promote, encourage, educate and foster an interest in fine art in all media, especially watermedia.

The Colorado Watercolor Society meets at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 South Colorado Blvd. in Englewood, (southwest corner of Hampden Avenue and Colorado Blvd.) in the Plymouth Hall. The Collage newsletter is published monthly (except July and December) to all CWS members.

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DATES FOR CWS MEETINGS, SHOWS & EVENTS



CWS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

- North Critique Group: 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 13th at Standley Lake Library (Chairperson: Lillian Montoya)
- CWS Board Meeting: Saturday, January 15th, 12:00 p.m.
- General Meeting: SPECIAL OFFSITE on January 15th at 10:15 a.m. (Denver Art Museum)
- South Critique Group: 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 28th at Koelbel Library (Chairperson: Suzanne Bartlett)
- Monday, January 17th: Submission deadline for the February *Collage* and for website updates

UPCOMING CWS EXHIBITS

CWS 2011 State Exhibition

Foothills Art Center - Golden, CO

Exhibit Dates: March 18 - April 18, 2011

Juror: Soon Warren

Co-Chairs: Carolyn Martyn and Nancy Priest

- Tuesday, December 14, 2010: Entries Due
- Friday, January 28, 2011: Notifications Sent
- Tuesday, March 15, 2011: Hand Delivery of Paintings
- Friday, March 18, 2011: Opening Reception (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
- Monday, April 18, 2011: Pick Up Unsold Paintings

WFWS 36th Annual Exhibition

Expo New Mexico - Albuquerque, NM

Exhibit Dates: May 6 - June 5, 2011

Juror: Dale Laitinen

CWS Delegate: Gene Youngmann

- Monday, November 15, 2010: Entries Due
- Friday, January 28, 2011: Acceptances Mailed to Delegates
- Saturday, February 19, 2011: Paintings Due to Delegates

UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS

January: Denver Art Museum Tour

February: Demo-palooza

March: Critiques of March

UPCOMING CWS WORKSHOPS

Tom Owen

January 14 - 16, 2011 (Mile High Framing in Denver; \$250 members / \$300 non-members)

Soon Warren

March 15 - 18, 2011 (Foothills Art Center in Golden; \$325 members / \$375 non-members)

Birgit O'Conner

June 6 - 8, 2011 (location TBD; \$300 members / \$350 non-members)

Frank Francese

June 21 - 23, 2011 (location TBD; \$275 members / \$325 non-members)

Remember, the January General Meeting is a special Offsite at the Denver Art Museum on January 15th at 10:15 a.m. There is no General Meeting at the Church on January 18th!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Sydney Eitel, President Colorado Watercolor Society



COURAGE

My brother-in-law died in prison. Did I ever share with you what I learned from this?

When I first began to paint in watercolors, I took a class in which the instructor taught me to paint on large paper. Every painting that semester was painted on a full sheet of 22 x 30 paper. She believed that if you learn to paint large first, then later you could paint any size you choose rather than in reverse. This was so true.

She helped me to unlock the door of my personal prison of fear in my world of art. Back to Jeff, my brother-in-law. I saw that he lived inside 4 walls of prison most of his life, but he was free. I began to look at my own life and how I lived inside a prison with no walls captivated by fear.

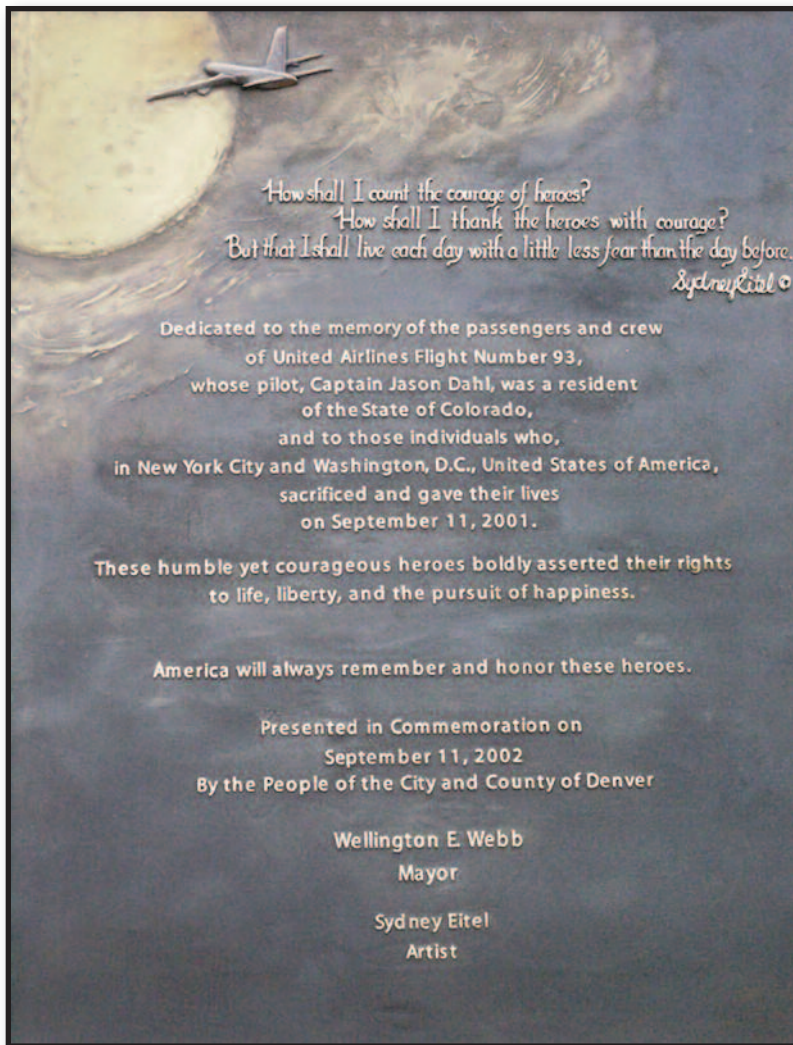
The first time I painted a miniature, I was amazed at how easy it was to cover the surface. I could also see that if I would have begun with miniatures, I might have never painted anything larger. It would have been too scary!

We create little prisons of fear in our lives that can stop us from venturing into new areas when there are no walls up to stop us. Many times we sit in our prison of fear with our artwork in hand, scared to change or crop a painting, scared to try a new technique, scared to try a new format, we lock our prison door of fear tighter.

A few years ago I heard about a contest on the radio. The city of Denver wanted submissions for a plaque that would honor Flight 93 that carried a Colorado pilot that went down on 9-11. The submission required not only artwork, but also verse. I decided to enter an idea. The verse that came to me was this: "How shall I count the courage of heroes? How shall I thank the heroes with courage? But that I shall live each day with a little less fear than the day before". I painted a watercolor to illustrate my idea and calligraphied the verse. A number of weeks later, I received a call that asked if the city could call me the winner of this contest and my idea was birthed into bronze. Fear of many things in this process could have stopped me from even trying.

In our world of art, I believe we can step out with a little less fear. Try new things, new subjects, new formats or new techniques. Don't let a prison of fear keep you from being all you can be as an artist.

The beginning of a new year always feels like a new start for me. Isn't that why we all set new goals and resolutions each year? I must say, Randy Hale took the challenge last January to set art goals. He emailed his one-page resolution goals for



Sydney Eitel, *Heroes...*, bronze plaque.

2010 to me. I could not believe what I saw. It looked huge and I wondered how he was going to accomplish this? I don't know if Randy reached every line of his resolutions, but because he had a plan, Randy successfully advanced his artwork to a new level. He is now teaching watercolor and he has been accepted into a prestigious gallery in Arizona that is selling his paintings. Go Randy!

You can go to a new level in your art world. Decide where you want to be. Unlock the prison door and step out with goals established. Write down 3 to 5 goals and begin to reach for them. You will surprise yourself when you get to the end and see where you have come with your paintings. Let's have a great 2011. Unlock the door and explore.

Welcome back and happy painting!



MEMBER CONTACT INFO UPDATES

BY KATHY FRAUGHNAUGH

Included as an insert in this issue is the Winter Member Contact Info update. Please insert this into your 2010-2011 rosters for future reference.

For ongoing member updates or corrections for the roster, please contact the membership chair Kathy Fraughnaugh at membership@coloradowatercolorssociety.org or 720-962-5309 as soon as possible. Thank you!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: DEMO-PALOOZA

BY PAUL FOSTER, VP OF PROGRAMS

Next UP... DEMOpalooza

I am frequently asked to schedule more demonstration type programs. Our February program is in response to those requests. However, instead of just one participant, six, and possibly seven, of your fellow members have stepped up for DEMOpalooza. They include Judy Patti, Randy Hale, David Cuin, Anita Winter, Valli McDougale, Marcio Correa and hopefully Brian Serff. As is the case in art, each of these members has something different to say and a different way of saying it. We will set up six or seven stations around the room allowing the membership to circulate from station to station and take what is most useful and important to them.

This format will allow for a variety of demonstration experiences and, since we will be spread out, there is the opportunity for each of us to get up close to the work.

This should be a lot of fun. Please come and be a witness to DEMOpalooza in February!

STATE EXHIBIT ENTRIES ARE IN!

BY NANCY PRIEST, STATE EXHIBIT CO-CHAIR

All of the entries for the 2011 State Exhibit are in! We received a total of 307 paintings entered by 132 artists. This was our first CWS exhibit with all entries required to be on CDs and, overall, everyone did a great job of meeting the requirements and deadline!

Now we wait. The entries will be sent off to our juror, Soon Warren, in early January. Notifications to artists will be sent out in the postal mail on or before January 28, 2011, so watch your mailbox!



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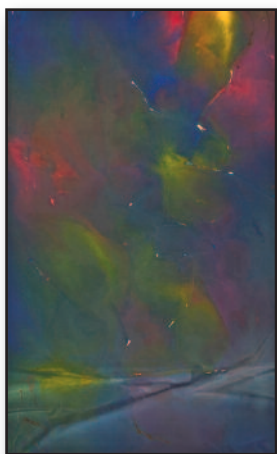
ARTIST CLASSES & CALLS

Calls & Opps

- The **North Metro Arts Alliance** announces their call for entries for Colorado Visions, a juried exhibit of fine art by Colorado artists at Westminster City Hall. Accepting slides or CDs and entry forms through March 5, 2011, for the juried exhibit of original, 2 and 3-dimensional, fine art. Entry fee is \$30 for 3 entries. Cash awards. Judge is well-known
- Colorado artist, Robert Spooner. Exhibit dates: April 11 - May 30, 2011. For a prospectus, contact Becky Silver at 303-466-2512.
- Private Italy painting tour, no instructor, arranged by **Flying Colors Art Workshops**, includes some members of CWS and we would like more! Tuscany and Cinque Terre, June 10-24, 2011. Call Norma at 303-979-0399 or email FlyingColorsArt@me.com for details.

MEMBER KUDOS

- Congratulations to the award winners from the 2010 CWS Member's Show: First place - **Valli McDougale** for her painting *Penumbra*; Second Place - **Susan Hinton** for *Preflight*; Third Place - **Karen Ramsay** for *Shalom*; People's Choice and Honorable Mention - **Marcy Trahan** for *Rusted Warrior*.
- The Palette Pals, a small group of CWS signature members including **Char Davis, Rosemary Laughlin, Darlene Maestas, Beth Narva and Merrie Wicks** have a showing of their "Small Works" at the Stanton Gallery, Littleton Town Hall, from November 3, 2010 - January 3, 2011.
- Signature member **John Murphy's** watercolor "Fabulous Fourth Grade" was juried into the "Castlewood Canyon Through the Seasons" at the Wildlife Experience. Exhibit dates are January 29 - May 8, 2011.
- Signature member, **Chuck Danford**, won first place in Watermedia at the City of Lone Tree Art Exhibition in October. He also has three pieces in the Littleton Own an Original Show at the Littleton Museum through January 16, 2011.
- Signature member, **Gayle Gerson**, had her painting *Three Martini Lunch* accepted into the 2nd Annual Signature American Watercolor Exhibition at the Fallbrook Art Center in Fallbrook, California.
- Signature member, **Merrie Wicks**, had two watercolor paintings accepted into the Own an Original Show in Littleton.



2010 CWS
Member
Show

Left: Valli
McDougale,
Penumbra

Right: Susan
Hinton,
Preflight



THE BOARD IN BRIEF

By Camille Scott,
Corresponding Secretary



- On November 16th, Sydney Eitel's opening remarks included comments about WFWS. Slides of the Colorado entries were shown at the meeting by Gene Youngmann who is also the delegate to the show in New Mexico this year. Chuck Danford will be accompanying Gene. After the reading of minutes they were approved.
- It was related that Micheon Oklar is in discussions with David Castle about becoming the new Public Relations person for CWS, which led to a discussion that the recruiting for new board members is under way. If you are interested in serving on the board in any capacity, contact Chuck Danford or any board member. CWS welcomes all members to participate.
- There will not be a regularly scheduled meeting in January; it will be at the Denver Art Museum on Saturday, January 15th at 10:15 AM. If you plan to attend please RSVP by January 7th to Paul Foster at 303-741-5018. This should be very informative as it will be a special guided tour for our group!
- The program for February will be the Demo-palooza! One you won't want to miss! Check the *Collage* for future programs through June.
- The Tom Owen Workshop is coming up fast! If you haven't signed up yet, now would be an excellent time. January 14 - 16, 2011 (Mile High Framing in Denver; \$250 members / \$300 non-members)
- It was reported that we have 422 members, of which 246 have signature status. Pretty impressive.
- Arleen Brogan-Smith, Mary Jo Ramsdale, and David Castle gave brief reports concerning their duties. The revised budget for 2011 was voted upon and approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.



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Monday, January 17, 2010



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NOTICE!

*If you paid \$10 for a cd of the WFWS juror in
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